

INDIANA DRUG EVALUATION AND CLASSIFICATION
Applicant Summary

Name: (Last, First) _____ Rank: _____

Agency: _____ Date of hire: _____

Current Duty Assignment: _____ Telephone: _____

The Indiana Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) is nationally supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Officers trained as Drug Recognition Examiners (DREs) are frequently called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. The certified DRE is an extremely valuable tool in combating the adverse impact of drug and alcohol impaired driving in our communities.

The DRE course is extremely demanding. To receive certification as a DRE, three phases must be completed. The following are summaries of each phase:

Pre-School: This phase consists of 16 hours of basic knowledge a prospective candidate will need in order to successfully complete the following seven-day course. Training during this portion consists of skills learned in taking accurate vitals signs, pulse, blood pressure and body temperature. Students are also given hands-on practice in pupillary estimation, pupillary response, examination of muscle tone, and an overview of the seven basic drug categories used in the DECP.

Seven-Day Course: Normally conducted directly after the Pre-School, this course deals with physiology, toxicology, the overall drug evaluation, and familiarization with the seven drug category matrix used in determination of drug psychoactivity. This portion includes three written examinations, as well as five quizzes, and a demonstration of proficiency in SFSTs. (Prior certification in SFST is required.) Finally all students are required to successfully demonstrate a proficiency in performing the entire drug evaluation.

Certification Phase: After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification portion. The responsibility of completion of this phase lies with the student. Certification nights will be scheduled in an attempt to allow all prospective DREs to finish their training within six months of successful completion of the school. The requirements of this portion include: evaluating at least twelve drug impaired individuals under supervision of a DRE instructor, identifying three of the seven drug categories, attaining an 80% correct identification rate verified by toxicology.

In addition to the hands-on certification a DRE candidate must maintain a progress log of individuals they have evaluated, an overall rolling log, and successfully complete a professional written resume. A final knowledge examination is given once a student meets all of these requirements set forth by IACP. Endorsement and recommendation by two DRE Instructors will allow for immediate certification.

The DRE certification is valid for a period of two years. In order for the officer to maintain their certification a DRE must complete at least two drug evaluations each year, submit their up-to-date rolling log, and receive at least eight hours of some type of drug related training. (While recertification training is provided each year, any type drug related training is acceptable.)

To assist with selection of quality personnel for the DECP, please complete the following information and indicate which school you wish to attend:

Summarize your formal education, work or practical experience, and training that may be related to the DECP.

How do you expect the DRE training to benefit you and your community?

Is there anything else you think the DRE Selection Committee should know about you?

Prosecutor that recommends you for this training:

Signature: _____

I have read and understand the requirements for the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program. I will support the program within our agency and recommend the above officer for DRE training.

Supervisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Commanding Officer's signature: _____ Date: _____

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